

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment makes three categories of changes to the above-identified U.S. national phase patent application, relative to its parent PCT application (Serial No. PCT/US2004/042474, filed December 15, 2004). First, it adds a priority claim to the PCT application in the "Cross-References to Priority Applications." Second, it copies the ninety-seven claims in the PCT application into the specification of the current application, as "Examples," each with the term "claim" replaced with the term "paragraph." Third, it amends the claims in the PCT application, to reduce their total number, and to reference unnecessary and nonlimiting reference designators. Please contact the undersigned attorney of record with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

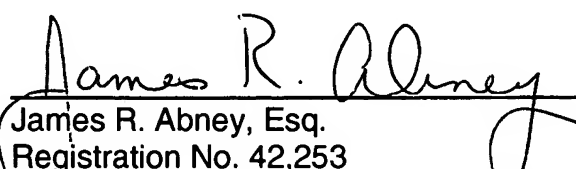
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